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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**PETER KUSHNER, PAUL WEBB, RENEE  
WILILARD, C. ANTHONY HUNT, and  
GABRIELLA LOPEZ**

Application No.: **09/729,478**

Filed: **12/04/2000**

For: **METHODS FOR SCREENING  
COMPOUNDS FOR ESTROGENIC  
ACTIVITY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1646

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 25, 2003**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for **three** months; and
- 2) A sequence listing (paper copy and CRF).

Please amend the specification as shown herein.